

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are requested in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, which place the application into condition for allowance. The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 2, 4-9, 12-16, 18-21, 28, 34, 35, 38, 42 and 43 are allowed.

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking enablement. Claim 17 is cancelled solely to expedite allowance; however, this is not a narrowing amendment. The subject matter of claim 17 is not surrendered and is still encompassed by broader claims 2, 15 and 16.

Applicants assume that the application is in condition for allowance. If there are any further impediments to allowance of the pending claims that might be resolved telephonically, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned. Otherwise, the undersigned looks forward to receive a Notice of Allowance at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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